

Hotel Abandons New Year's Feast to Conserve Food

Manager of the Prince George Decides the Usual Gayeties Would Be Offense and Against Government Regulations—Other Restaurants May Follow Suit

George H. Newton, manager of the Prince George Hotel, at 14 East Twenty-eighth Street, concluded yesterday that with the country getting into shape for its part in the greatest war in history the usual New Year's Eve gayeties were an offense to good taste and sentiment, a violation of the government's food conservation regulations and an evidence that we are not yet ready to undergo small sacrifices for the benefit of the men on the battle lines. He thereupon ordered that his hotel, for one, should not this year offer any inducements to dining room and bar celebrations, and expressed the hope that other hotel and restaurant men would follow suit.

At the same time he issued, under the caption, "Shall we feast while others famish?", an appeal to friends and patrons, urging that the funds which in former years they devoted to New Year restaurant frolics this year "be diverted to the cause in which this entire nation is enlisted, in the hope that with the coming of another New Year's Eve we may celebrate with a free heart and hand the triumph of justice and democracy."

U. S. to Give Badge For Mexican Service

Eligibles Will Include 140,000 Guardsmen on Border Last Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Every one of the 140,000 National Guardsmen who participated in the mobilization last year on the Mexican border will be eligible for the "Mexican Service Badge," authorized today by the War Department with the approval of the President. The badge will be given also to every officer and man who took part in the Vera Cruz expedition, either afloat or ashore, in the punitive expedition headed by General Pershing and the smaller movements across the border since the return of that force, and those who have served as members of the border patrol between April, 1911, and February, 1917. The Mexican service badge is of bronze, one and one-quarter inches in diameter. On the obverse side is a reproduction of the Mexican "yuca" plant in bloom against a background of mountains. In the upper half are the words, "Mexican Service," and in the lower, "1911-1917." The badge is to be suspended from a brass bar by a silken ribbon.

Suffragists to Train Immigrant Women

Will Teach 400,000 Foreign Born Sisters in This State How to Vote

Miss Mary Dreier has been made chief of the new bureau of Americanization under the New York State Woman Suffrage party, whose purpose is to train foreign-born women for their new duties as voting citizens. Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse, chairman of the Woman Suffrage party, declared last night, in connection with the new work of her organization, that there were 400,000 foreign-born women in New York State and 200,000 in New York City who have become voters merely by virtue of their husband's citizenship, without any qualifications of their own except five years' residence in this country. "These immigrant women, automatically made citizens," said Mrs. Whitehouse, "are now qualified to go to the polls and vote upon candidates and measures vital to every American. And they need the vote. It will in itself be a great Americanizing agent among them. Thousands of them now are eager to be good citizens and good voters, but many of them do not even know our language, to say nothing of our American institutions and ideals."

War Christmas Finds City Full Of Holiday Spirit

Touch of Sadness Is Melodized by Homecoming of Soldiers

Gifts Safe in France

Turkey, Trees and Candy Are Bringing Only Ordinary Prices This Year

Father Knickerbocker has paused in the serious business of war long enough to hang up his holly wreaths, decorate a modest pine tree and prepare to light the tapers at the first Christmas that has found his family divided since Civil War days.

But the touch of sadness brought by the vacant chairs at the table will not prevent the genuine celebration of Christmas throughout the city. To many families it will be marked by the joyous homecoming of the khaki-clad sons in training camps throughout the country. To others it will mean the opening of the home circle for the entertainment of soldiers and sailors too far from relatives to share in their own family gatherings.

Still others will find their greatest joy in the announcement, made yesterday from the War Department, that the 1,000,000-odd pounds of Christmas cheer forwarded to the boys who will do their fighting in France has been received at its destination safely and will be distributed among the rightful owners of the gifts Christmas morning.

The giving that began when Father Knickerbocker made his first contribution to the draft has been carried on in the same spirit in the city's Christmas spirit.

Banks Give Thrift Stamps
Big banking houses that ordinarily place a gold coin and an engraved card on the desks of their employees this year have contributed to a double cause by purchasing thrift stamps and giving them, instead of the gold. The desire to conserve the gold, as well as arguments in favor of national thrift, brought about this change in the old-time Christmas custom of Wall Street. Probably the most cheering feature of yesterday's preparations for the city's first war Christmas since 1864 was the discovery that the three principal ingredients of any Christmas celebration were to be had by anybody desiring them at what are considered reasonable prices under the circumstances. Christmas trees, turkeys and candy not only are available, but at lower prices than had been expected, or would have been possible if profiteers had had their way. A turkey could be purchased last night in the outlying markets at prices ranging from 27 cents a pound up, according to the kind and demands of the purchaser. Christmas trees are not quite as

plentiful as the national bird, but have arrived in sufficiently large quantities to supply the demands of the city. Although New York is scheduled to absorb fifty or sixty carloads of trees annually, only half of that number had arrived in Manhattan and vicinity yesterday.

There were certain other little holiday trimmings that usually are to be seen along Broadway that the war has made scarce or impossible to procure. Among these is the cheer-producing, frothy Tom and Jerry of earlier days. Eggs, sugar and imported liquors that enter into the make-up of a Tom and Jerry proved too costly for the average restaurant or cafe keeper.

The rare places that had the temerity to offer the Christmas drinks priced them at from 35 cents to half a dollar—prices that were convincing arguments in favor of prohibition.

The cheering news that all of the gifts sent abroad to soldiers in the American expeditionary forces had arrived safely contained the statement that the total of parcel post packages was 1,181,056 pounds. There were 374,751 packages—a statement that may give Teutonic agents seeking light on the strength of United States forces in France something to ponder over.

Soldiers' Packages Opened
It doubtless will be encouraging to those who sent their gifts to their far-away soldier boys to know that every package was opened and carefully rewrapped by expert hands in such a manner as to insure it against breakage or damage en route.

The contents of every package were examined for explosives or chemicals, with the result that sparkling matches and even the ordinary "safety" matches were removed.

In the city's big stores, where experienced salesmen have their finger on the pulse of the army of holiday buyers, it was announced that the spirit of Christmas giving had not diminished because of the constant drain upon already sorely taxed incomes by numerous charities. There was an evidence of a greater seriousness than at previous Christmases, but no lack of the same generous giving.

Art Exhibitions
At the studio of Mrs. H. P. Whitney, 8 West Eighth Street, there is now on view an exhibition of landscapes by the various well known artists. Two of the larger canvases, "Venice," by Bizzaro, and "Venice," by Genaro Favai, are the property of Mrs. Whitney. The first mentioned is rich in coloring, showing orange sails, blue sky and white houses reflected in the dancing water below. The second is treated more in the contrasting of masses of dark shadows against a background of bright sunshine.

Guy Pene du Bois's two canvases are the first landscapes he has shown to the public. "The Sand Team," by George Bellows, shows men and horses brilliant against a blue river. Eugene Higgins' "Street Scene" is characteristic of this artist's dignity of line and color and imagination. In his two large canvases Jonas Lie shows the solemn grandeur of mountain and sky.

Paul Dougherty is represented by a powerful sea piece, "The Black Squall," while in vivid contrast Maurice B. Prendergast's "Seashore" scintillates in color and sunshine. Among other notable artists represented are Allen Tucker, John Sloan and Ernest Lawson. The exhibition will close January 2.

Teacher Loses Suit To Be Reinstated

Miss Lena M. Zippel Was Charged With Wearing Bathrobe in Classroom

Miss Lena M. Zippel, who was dismissed as a teacher in Public School No. 85 in Manhattan, was unsuccessful yesterday in an effort to obtain an order from Justice Platzeck in the Supreme Court directing Dr. John H. Pinley, State Commissioner of Education, to rescind his decision not to interfere in behalf of Miss Zippel, who sought reinstatement.

Miss Zippel said in her affidavit that, although possessed of all her faculties, she had reason to fear that she would be sent to an insane asylum.

The charges against Miss Zippel were made by District Superintendent Cornelius E. Franklin, and they were set forth by Corporation Counsel Hardy, who appeared for Dr. Pinley to oppose the dismissed teacher's petition. It was charged that Miss Zippel one day said to her pupils, "This is a hell of a class." At another time she appeared in the classroom wearing a bathrobe. It was also charged that Miss Zippel marched her pupils continuously for twenty-two minutes and subjected them to physical exercises for thirty-five minutes, instead of the required ten minutes.

2 Held in Jersey City As Sugar Hoarders

One Had Boys Buy by Pound at a Time, Then Offered It as Premium

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 22.—Two men were arrested in Jersey City charged with hoarding sugar and were held for examination by United States Commissioner Carpenter under \$5,000 bail each. The men, who were taken into custody by agents of the Federal Food Administration for New Jersey and of the Department of Justice from the office of United States District Attorney Lynch, of this city, are Eugene De Vito and Frank Samson, both of Jersey City.

Samson virtually admitted his guilt, but pleaded ignorance of the law. He said that about two months ago he had a bright idea and took it to De Vito, who liked it. His idea was simply to buy sugar and give it away to little boys to visit retail grocery stores throughout the city and buy up sugar, a pound or two at a time.

"In this way I accumulated about three hundred pounds of sugar," Samson told the government agents. About ten days ago De Vito, who conducts a shoe store in Jersey City, advertised in the papers that he would "give away a pound of sugar with every pair of shoes over \$1." This advertisement came to the attention of the Federal Food Administration and an agent was assigned to investigate. He found one cache behind a lot of shoe boxes, seventeen small packages of sugar, which were seized. The government agents who made the complaint said that both Samson and De Vito had attempted to frustrate the search for the hoarded sugar and had made disloyal remarks about the Food Administration.

12 Big N. Y. Firms To Be Warned on Food Profiteering

Wholesalers and Retailers in Danger of Losing Licenses for Overcharging

The Federal Food Board was notified yesterday by the National Food Administration in Washington that about twelve big wholesale and retail firms in New York City were in danger of losing their Federal licenses because of their high prices on necessities. The board was instructed to write the offending firms letters of warning.

Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams said last night that the letters had been drafted and would be mailed to-morrow. He declined to give the names of any of the firms, but said that at least two of them were among the biggest food dealers in the city.

U. S. Firms' Business
Mr. Williams said that under the Federal food license law all license holders were compelled to issue monthly statements of their business affairs. The returns of the dozen firms in question attracted the attention of the National Food authorities and an investigation followed. The prices set by the suspects were found to be excessive, reflecting margins of profit greater than in times of peace.

If the warning the Federal Food Board is not heeded, the defiant firms will be haled before the board to explain their prices and show cause why they should not be lowered. Mr. Williams yesterday said that one cause of high prices in New York was the inadequate freight terminal facilities offered here. He stated that no great city had poorer equipment for receiving and distributing food or fuel or any other commodities. "Inadequate terminal facilities may be blamed for the destruction of enormous quantities of food which is piled up at New Jersey terminals and allowed to rot before it can get across the river," said Mr. Williams. "New York City realized fully some years ago that we needed passenger terminals of the best type, and then went ahead and built the Grand Central and the Pennsylvania stations, undoubtedly the most commodious and most convenient terminals for passenger travel alone."

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"Now the next big venture must be freight terminals. Chicago has gone way beyond us in this respect. Freight terminal facilities are better, and the city has the Illinois tunnel, through which freight can be carried through the principal business section. As a result, we find that Chicago always has lower prices than New York." The Federal Food Board yesterday heard evidence in the case of Harry L. Lefkowitz, of 1420 Brook Avenue, The Bronx, alleged to have charged R. M. Cushman, a baker, 15 cents a pound for 1,000 pounds of sugar. The board deferred judgment. Justice Freschi of the Court of Special Sessions held Hyman Borrok, of 1360 Boston Road, who had about fifty barrels of sugar hoarded, for trial, fixing his bail at \$500. James Dillon, chief inspector of the

Price of Turkeys to Drop for Holidays

Federal Food Board Allows Retailers Profit of Only Five Cents a Pound

There were indications yesterday that turkeys would fall in price during the holidays. P. Q. Foy, the market expert, said that receipts at New Jersey terminals were much heavier than had been expected, and that New England dealers, who had been bidding against local merchants, had gone home.

George L. Bennett, market expert of

the Federal Food Board, agreed with Mr. Foy and advised consumers to hold off buying their holiday birds till the last minute. He said the turkeys were fresh killed, and only a few were from cold storage.

Food Administrator Williams said that turkey prices in New York were below Philadelphia and Boston prices, but above Chicago. The Federal Food Board has allowed retailers five cents a pound profit on turkeys, and all other poultry for the holidays, and the following wholesale price list, issued yesterday by Mr. Bennett, shows the price that New York consumers should pay, plus five cents:

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